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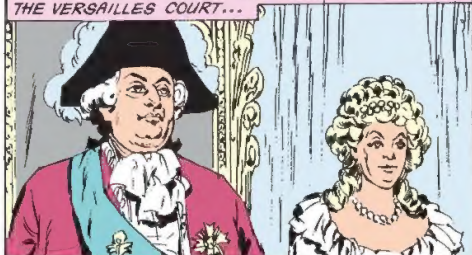
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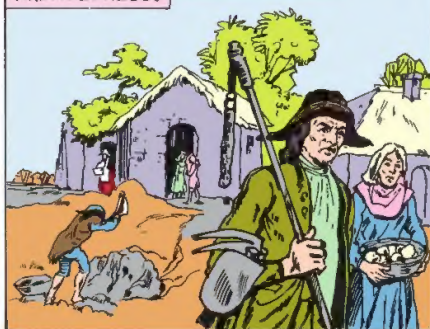
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IN THE 1780S, LOUIS XVI RULED OVER FRANCE. THE ROYAL TREASURY HAD BEEN EMPTIED AS A RESULT OF THE HELP GIVEN TO THE AMERICANS IN THEIR WAR AGAINST THE BRITISH. WHILE LOUIS XVI AND HIS WIFE MARIE ANTOINETTE LIVED IN POMP AND SPLENDOR, AND THERE WAS MUCH GAIETY AT THE VERSAILLES COURT...



... THE POOR LIVED IN HUNGER AND WRETCHEDNESS.



THE PRICES OF ESSENTIAL ARTICLES WERE VERY HIGH. MOREOVER THE COMMON PEOPLE HAD TO PAY HIGH TAXES. ANY PROTEST COULD LEAD TO IMPRISONMENT.

THIS SALT TAX IS OUTRAGEOUS. IT IS OBLIGATORY FOR EVERYONE ABOVE SEVEN YEARS TO BUY SEVEN POUNDS OF SALT PER YEAR.

AND IF A FISHERMAN WISHES TO SALT HIS FISH, HE MUST BUY MORE AND OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE FOR IT. A CURSE ON THIS TAX AND THE KING WHO IMPOSED IT.



MOTHER, TODAY I MERELY CROSSED THE RIVER TO GO TO WORK, AND THEY CHARGED ME A TOLL FEE FOR THE LUNCH I CARRIED IN MY POCKET.

CUSTOMS DUTIES, EVEN A TAX ON CANDLES, FUEL, FLOUR... KING LOUIS WANTS TO TRAMPLE THE POOR UNDERFOOT.



THE FACT THAT THE NOBLES AND CLERGY WERE EXEMPT FROM MOST TAXES, IRKED THE COMMON FOLK.

IF A MAN BECOMES PROSPEROUS, HE HAS TO PAY MORE, BECAUSE THE LAND TAX IS CALCULATED ANEW EVERY YEAR ACCORDING TO HIS WEALTH.

AND WHERE DOES ALL THE MONEY GO? TO PAY THE DEBTS OF THE KING'S BROTHERS.

THE LORDS AND PRIESTS PAY LITTLE. IT IS ORDINARY FOLKS LIKE US WHO BEAR THE BRUNT.



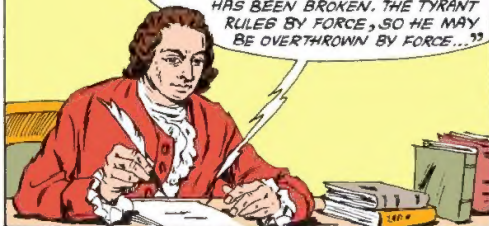
THE WORKS OF SOCIAL REFORMERS LIKE DIDEROT, MONTESQUIEU, ROUSSEAU AND VOLTAIRE WERE AVIDLY READ AND REPRODUCED IN PAMPHLETS THAT WERE WIDELY CIRCULATED.

LISTEN TO THIS, MY FRIENDS. THIS ARTICLE SAYS THAT ONLY THAT GOVERNMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO EXIST WHICH RESPECTS THE EQUALITY AND LIBERTY OF ALL MEN.

HOW TRUE. AND THE GOVERNMENT MUST REST ENTIRELY IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE LAWS MUST EXPRESS THE PEOPLE'S WILL. JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU WROTE THAT...



"...MAN WAS BORN FREE, BUT EVERYWHERE HE IS IN CHAINS. HE AGREED TO LIVE IN SOCIETY AND OBEY ITS LAWS ONLY BECAUSE THIS WAS FOR HIS OWN SECURITY AND FOR HIS GOOD. WHEN THE CHIEF WHOM HE AGREES TO OBEY, GIVES HIM BACK ONLY INSECURITY AND INJUSTICE, THEN THE SOCIAL CONTRACT HAS BEEN BROKEN. THE TYRANT RULES BY FORCE, SO HE MAY BE OVERTHROWN BY FORCE..."



...AND VOLTAIRE WROTE THAT ALL THAT HE SAW HAPPENING AROUND HIM WERE LIKE SHADOWS CAST IN ADVANCE...



"...WARNING OF A REVOLUTION."

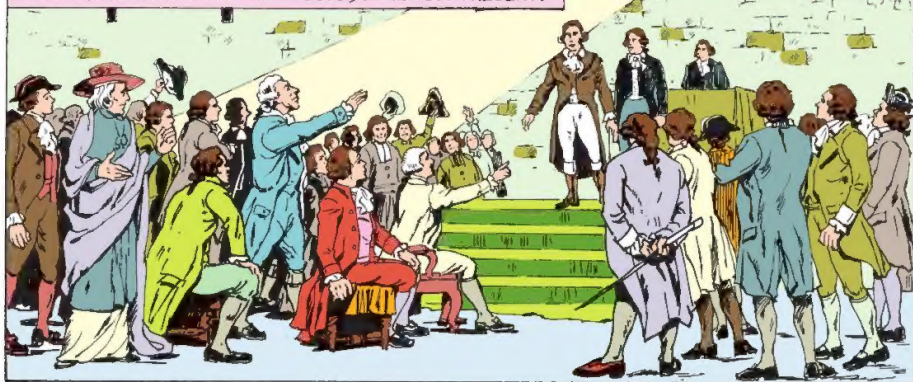
IN MAY 1788, THE KING ISSUED A ROYAL EDICT WHICH GREATLY REDUCED THE POWER OF THE PROVINCIAL 'PARLEMENTS'. WHEN THE PARIS 'PARLEMENT' WAS SUSPENDED, OTHER LOCAL 'PARLEMENTS' PROTESTED. WHEN THIS EDICT WAS ANNOUNCED, THE PEOPLE OF GRENOBLE TOWN, ALONG WITH THE 'PARLEMENT' LEADERS, ATTACKED THE SOLDIERS WITH TILES FROM THE ROOFS, THESE BEING THE ONLY WEAPON AVAILABLE. THIS DAY, JUNE 7, 1788, WAS TERMED "DAY OF THE TILES".

ATTACK THE SOLDIERS!



THIS WAS THE FIRST RUMBLING OF THE REVOLUTION TO COME.

A MONTH LATER, ON JULY 21, A MEETING OF THE COMMON PEOPLE WAS CALLED AT THE CHATEAU DE VIZILLE. THEY WERE REFERRED TO AS THE THIRD ESTATE IN FRANCE. A FEW REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER TWO ESTATES, THE NOBLES AND THE PRIESTS, WERE ALSO PRESENT.



THE MEETING
BEGAN —

WE, THE
ORDINARY
PEOPLE,
MUST NO LONGER REMAIN
DUMB. OUR VOICE IS LOUD
AND STRONG. LET US
MAKE IT HEARD.

YES, WE DEMAND
THAT THE KING
CONVENE A
MEETING OF
ALL THE THREE
ESTATES.



ALL FRANCE ROSE TO DEMAND THIS MEETING,
CALLED THE ESTATES GENERAL. THE KING AGREED
TO HOLD IT ON MAY 1 THE FOLLOWING YEAR, AT
THE VERSAILLES PALACE, SOME DISTANCE FROM PARIS.

AUGUST 29, 1788. THE ROYAL CHAMBERS.

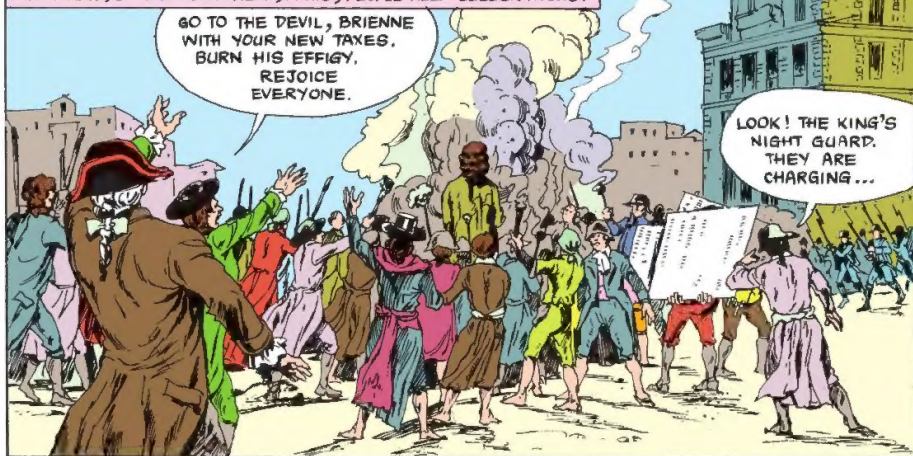
MY DEAR
SO YOU HAVE DISMISSED
ARCHBISHOP BRIENNE
AND AGAIN GIVEN IN TO
THE PEOPLE!

MARIE, I KNOW
BRIENNE IS A FAVOURITE
OF YOURS — ONE OF
THE REASONS I APPOINTED
HIM FINANCE MINISTER.
BUT THE PEOPLE DETEST
HIM.



THAT NIGHT, ON THE PONT-NEUF, PARIS, PEOPLE HELD CELEBRATIONS.

GO TO THE DEVIL,
BRIENNE
WITH YOUR NEW TAXES.
BURN HIS EFFIGY.
REJOICE
EVERYONE.



LOOK! THE KING'S
NIGHT GUARD.
THEY ARE
CHARGING...



MANY LIVES WERE LOST THAT NIGHT, BUT IT DID NOT DETER THE PEOPLE. ANGRY CROWDS SET FIRE TO THE GUARD STATIONS AND DISARMED THE SOLDIERS. THE PONT-NEUF BECAME A MEETING PLACE FOR WORKMEN, STUDENTS AND VAGABONDS—THIS WAS WHERE ORDINARY CITIZENS HAD VANQUISHED ARMED SOLDIERS!

THE PEOPLE'S CAUSE WAS FORCEFULLY TAKEN UP BY A PUBLICATION WRITTEN BY A PRIEST NAMED SIEYES, ON ITS COVER —

SIEYES
QU'EST-CE QUE
LE TIERS-ÉTAT?

WHAT IS THE
THIRD ESTATE?
EVERYTHING.
WHAT HAS IT
BEEN
UP TILL NOW?
NOTHING.
WHAT DOES
IT DEMAND?
TO BECOME
SOMETHING.

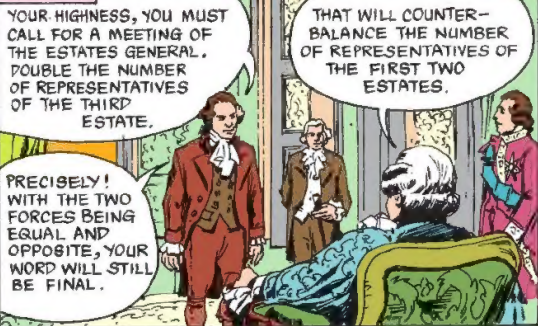


MEANWHILE THE KING REALISED THAT THE COUNTRY WAS ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY. TO OVERHAUL THE ENTIRE FINANCIAL SYSTEM, HE CALLED AN ABLE AND POPULAR MAN—JACQUES NECKER.

YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU MUST
CALL FOR A MEETING OF
THE ESTATES GENERAL.
DOUBLE THE NUMBER
OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE THIRD
ESTATE.

THAT WILL COUNTER-
BALANCE THE NUMBER
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE FIRST TWO
ESTATES.

PRECISELY!
WITH THE TWO
FORCES BEING
EQUAL AND
OPPOSITE, YOUR
WORD WILL STILL
BE FINAL.



UNDER NECKER'S INFLUENCE, THE KING WENT EVEN FURTHER. ON JANUARY 24, 1789 —

BY ORDER OF THE KING, EVERYONE
IS TO SEND HIS CLAIMS AND
DEMANDS TO HIS MAJESTY.

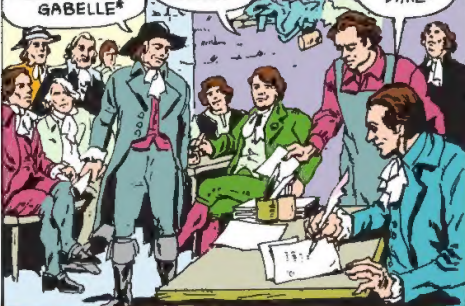


ENTHUSIASTICALLY, THE PEOPLE LISTED THEIR DEMANDS.

ABOLISH THE GABELLE!

ALSO THE TAILLE!

AND THE DIME!



THE LISTS ARRIVED AT VERSAILLES.

WHAT LONG LISTS! BUT THE MESSAGE OF THE PEOPLE IS CLEAR, SIRE: WE SAY YES TO YOUR MONARCHY, BUT NO TO YOUR ABSOLUTISM.



IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THE 'COMMON' FOLK WERE BEING CONSULTED. ELECTIONS TO THE ESTATES GENERAL WERE LIKE A POPULAR FESTIVAL. A WAVE OF ENTHUSIASM SPREAD FROM TOWN TO TOWN DURING THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL, WHEN THE FRENCH PEOPLE ELECTED THEIR DEPUTIES WHO WOULD REPRESENT THEM AT THE COMING ESTATES GENERAL. AMONG THESE DEPUTIES WERE ...

BAILLY



ROBESPIERRE



SIEYES



MIRABEAU



THESE WERE TO BE THE MEN OF FRANCE'S FUTURE.

THEN, ON APRIL 28, A RUMOUR RAN THROUGH THE AREA OF SAINTE ANTOINE, PARIS, THAT A WALL-PAPER-MANUFACTURER HAD REDUCED HIS WORKMEN'S WAGES TO 15 SOLS A DAY.

ONE LOAF OF BREAD COSTS 4 SOLS. SO REVEILLON THINKS THAT EVEN BREAD IS MUCH TOO GOOD FOR HIS WORKMEN, DOES HE?

DEATH TO REVEILLON!

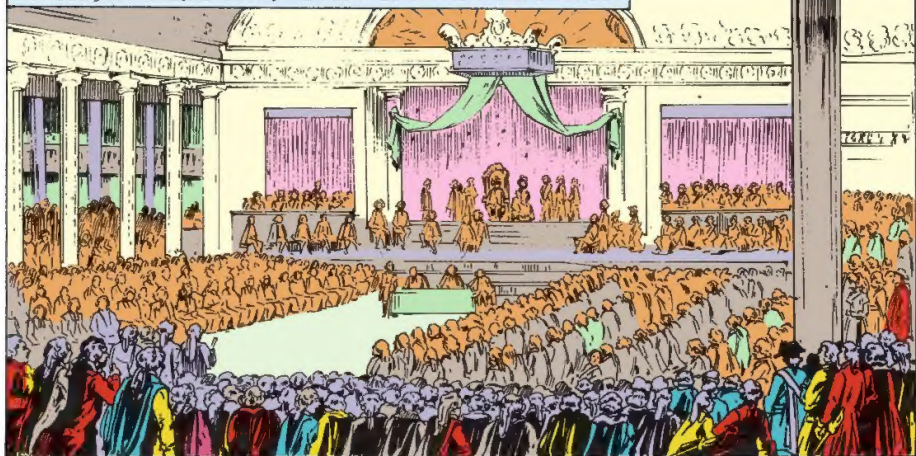


THE WORKERS, JOINED BY THEIR COMRADES OF THE DISTRICT, ATTACKED REVEILLON'S HOUSE. THE ROYAL HORSE GUARD RUSHED TO THE SPOT AND OPENED FIRE.



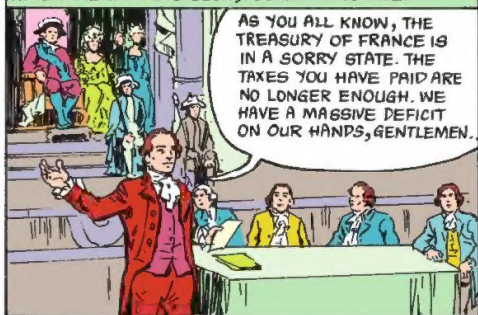
REVEILLON ESCAPED BUT THERE WERE CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES. PARIS, FOR THE FIRST TIME, SAW AN UPRISING OF THOSE FOR WHOM THEIR DAILY BREAD MEANT SURVIVAL.

BUT THE MEETING OF THE ESTATES GENERAL ON MAY 5, BEGAN ON A NOTE OF HOPE. THE ASSEMBLY MET IN THE LARGE PALACE ROOM AT VERSAILLES—THE KING, QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE, THE ROYAL PRINCES, AND IN LONG ROWS, THE DEPUTIES OF THE THREE ESTATES.

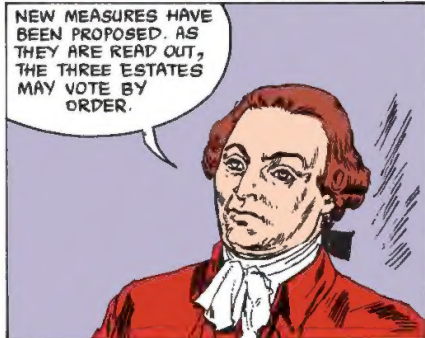


AFTER THE KING'S SPEECH, NECKER ANNOUNCED —

AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE TREASURY OF FRANCE IS IN A SORRY STATE. THE TAXES YOU HAVE PAID ARE NO LONGER ENOUGH. WE HAVE A MASSIVE DEFICIT ON OUR HANDS, GENTLEMEN.



NEW MEASURES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED. AS THEY ARE READ OUT, THE THREE ESTATES MAY VOTE BY ORDER.



SUDDENLY, THE DEPUTIES OF THE THIRD ESTATE WERE ON THEIR FEET.

WE SHALL VOTE ONLY BY HEAD, NOT BY ORDER!



SOME OF THE DEPUTIES, ESPECIALLY MIRABEAU AND SIEYES, HAD REALISED ONE VITAL POINT —

BY ORDER, WE HOLD ONLY ONE VOTE. SO WE CAN BE OUTVOTED BY THE TWO VOTES OF THE OTHER ESTATES AND SHALL THEREFORE ALWAYS BE AT A DISADVANTAGE.

BUT WE ARE 578 DEPUTIES OF THE THIRD ESTATE, AND OUT — NUMBER THE 561 DEPUTIES OF THE OTHER TWO ESTATES PUT TOGETHER. IF WE VOTE INDIVIDUALLY, WE SHALL ALWAYS HAVE THE UPPER HAND.

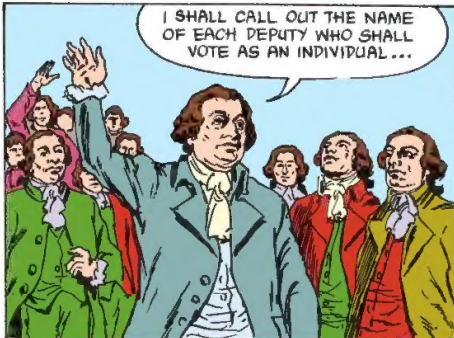
THE MEETING BROKE UP ON THAT DAY, BECAUSE NO AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED.

HOWEVER, AT THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 12 —

WE HEREBY TAKE ON THE NAME "NATIONAL ASSEMBLY." WE ALONE SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO AGREE TO THE IMPOSING OF TAXES; NOT THE NOBLES OR PRIESTS.



I SHALL CALL OUT THE NAME OF EACH DEPUTY WHO SHALL VOTE AS AN INDIVIDUAL ...



THE IDEA OF 'INDIVIDUALISM' AS AGAINST ESTATE TOOK ROOT.

SOME DEPUTIES OF THE PRIESTHOOD LOOKED AT ONE ANOTHER.

BROTHER, I CAN ALMOST SEE INTO THE FUTURE. THE THIRD ESTATE ALONE CAN OVERTHROW THE "ANCIEN* REGIME" — THIS PRESENT SYSTEM OF RULE THAT WE HAVE GROWN TO DETEST.

LET US JOIN IT.



AND THAT DAY, NINETEEN PRIESTS WENT OVER TO THE THIRD ESTATE ...

... AND ON JUNE 19, AS THE KING AND THE NOBILITY WATCHED IN ALARM, MORE PRIESTS JOINED THE THIRD ESTATE.

WE, THE NOBILITY ARE A
BRAVE, ANCIENT AND
RESPECTED CLASS; OUR
PRESTIGE IS BEING
SWEEP ASIDE LIKE
THIS!



I WON'T LET THEM
USURP MY ROYAL
POWERS IN THIS
MANNER. I MUST
ACT...



WHEN THE DEPUTIES OF THE THIRD ESTATE ARRIVED AT THE DOORS OF THE ASSEMBLY ROOM THE NEXT DAY—

YOU CANNOT ENTER. THE
ROOM IS BEING READIED FOR
THE KING TO ADDRESS THE
ASSEMBLY.

WE ARE THE ASSEMBLY.
WE ARE THE NATION.
OPEN THE DOORS
FOR US.



THIS WAS REFUSED. THIS SEPARATED FROM THE OTHER TWO ESTATES...

... THE DEPUTIES OF THE THIRD ESTATE MOVED TO A TENNIS COURT NEAR BY.

FRIENDS, AT THIS PLACE, LET US TAKE
THE VOW THAT WE SHALL NOT PART TILL
WE HAVE FORMED A CONSTITUTION
FOR THE KINGDOM.



ALL SIGNED THE AGREEMENT EXCEPT A DEPUTY NAMED MARTIN.

SIGN, MARTIN...

DON'T FORCE HIM. EVERY INDIVIDUAL IS ENTITLED TO HIS OPINION.



AND THE GREAT STRUGGLE BEGAN: THE NATION OR THE KING? JUNE 23 —

I AM THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF MY PEOPLE. I HEREBY DISMISS THE DUPUTES.

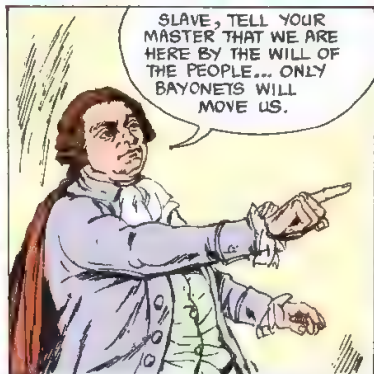


DID YOU HEAR THE KING'S ORDER? YOU ARE ALL DISMISSED.

THE VERY NATION IS ASSEMBLED HERE AND DOES NOT TAKE ORDERS.



SLAVE, TELL YOUR MASTER THAT WE ARE HERE BY THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE... ONLY BAYONETS WILL MOVE US.



JUNE 24 — MOST OF THE CLERGY JOINED THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, FOLLOWED BY FORTY-SEVEN DEPUTIES OF THE NOBILITY, INCLUDING PHILIPPE, DUKE OF ORLEANS, THE KING'S COUSIN. IT WAS A SWEET VICTORY FOR THE THIRD ESTATE.



ON 27 TH, THE KING AGREED TO LET THE THREE ESTATES MEET TOGETHER.

JUNE 30. TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE MARCHED TO THE PRISON WHERE THE SOLDIERS, WHO HAD REFUSED SOME DAYS EARLIER TO FIRE ON THE PEOPLE, WERE BEING HELD

RELEASE THEM!

NOW LET'S CARRY THEM IN TRIUMPH TO THE PALAIS-ROYAL.

DOES THE KING DARE STOP US?

THE KING DID NOT DARE.

INSTEAD, HE ORDERED 20,000 SWISS AND GERMAN TROOPS OF HIS ARMY TO TAKE UP POSITIONS AROUND PARIS. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROTESTED.

WE DEMAND THAT THESE TROOPS BE REMOVED AT ONCE.

THE KING REFUSED TO DO SO.

ON JULY 11TH HE REMOVED NECKER FROM HIS POST. PEOPLE BECAME AGITATED.

BY NOT SENDING AWAY THE FOREIGN TROOPS, THE KING IS THREATENING HIS OWN PEOPLE.

CITIZENS, THERE IS NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE. NECKER HAS BEEN DISMISSED. THE BELL OF BARTHELEMY, A PATRON SAINT OF PATRIOTS, HAS SOUNDED.

THIS FIERY SPEAKER WAS CAMILLE DESMOLINS.

TO ARMS! LET ALL CITIZENS IMITATE ME.



THIS FIRST CALL TO ARMS OF THE REVOLUTION WAS GIVEN IN A GARDEN BELONGING TO THE DUKE OF ORLEANS.

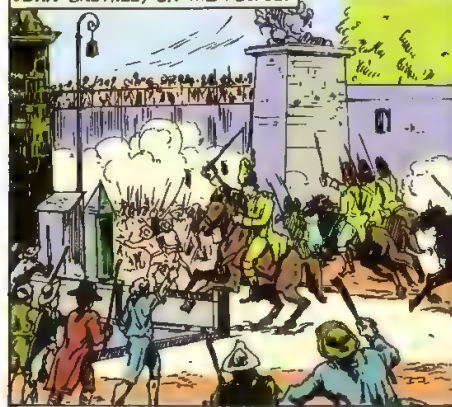
ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 12, A PROCESSION CARRYING THE BUST OF NECKER AS WELL AS THAT OF THE DUKE OF ORLEANS, WHO WAS RUMOURED TO HAVE BEEN EXILED BY THE KING, STREAMED INTO THE LOUIS XVI PALACE.



SUDDENLY, SOLDIERS RODE UP AND ATTACKED THEM. ONE OF THE MEN CARRYING NECKER'S BUST WAS KILLED AND THE OTHER WOUNDED. A STRAY BULLET ALSO KILLED A FRENCH GUARD.

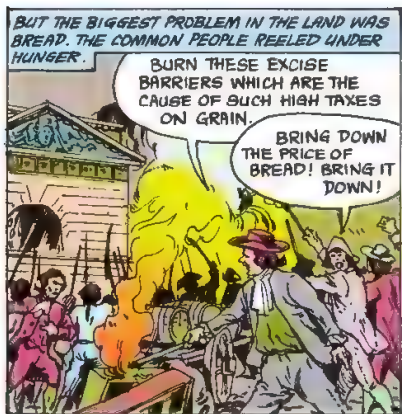
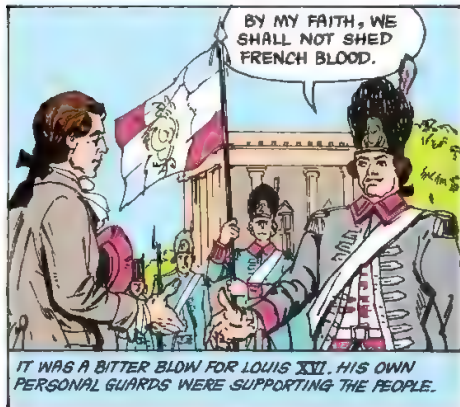


THE CROWD SCATTERED. AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE TUILERIES GARDEN, THE ROYAL GERMAN GUARD CAME DOWN BRUTALLY ON THE PEOPLE.

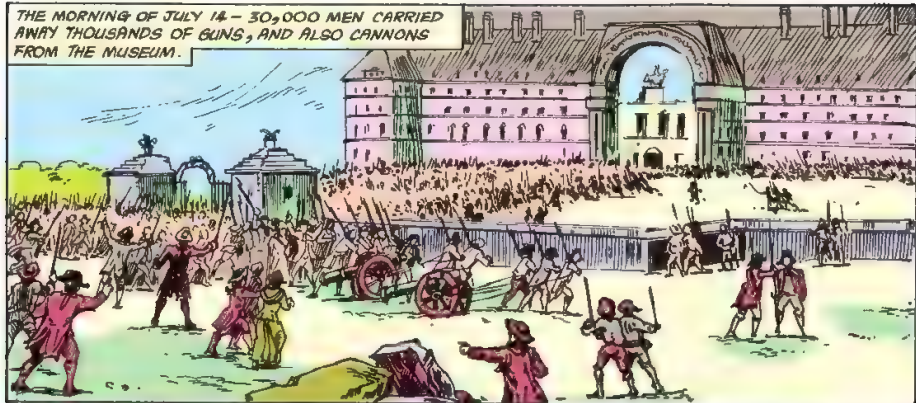


THE KING'S FRENCH GUARD THEN JOINED IN THE FRAY. BUT ON WHOSE BEHALF?



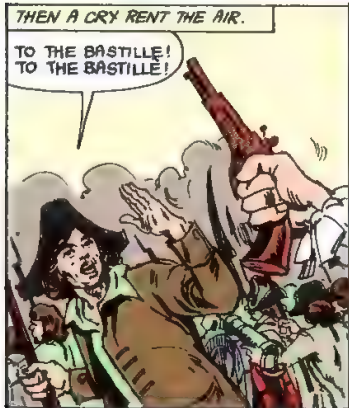


THE MORNING OF JULY 14 - 30,000 MEN CARRIED AWAY THOUSANDS OF GUNS, AND ALSO CANNONS FROM THE MUSEUM.

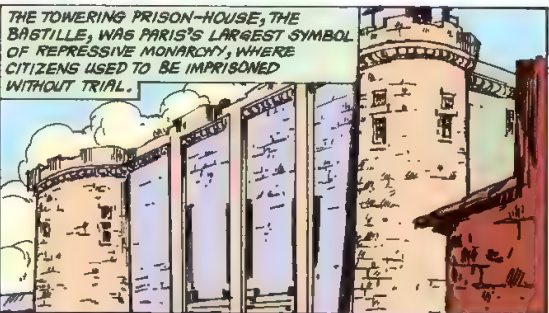


THEN A CRY RENT THE AIR.

TO THE BASTILLE!
TO THE BASTILLE!



THE TOWERING PRISON-HOUSE, THE BASTILLE, WAS PARIS'S LARGEST SYMBOL OF REPRESSIVE MONARCHY, WHERE CITIZENS USED TO BE IMPRISONED WITHOUT TRIAL.



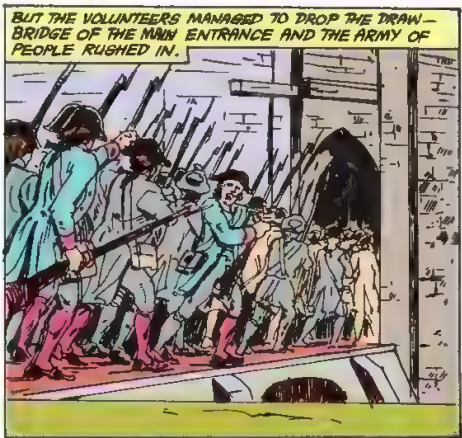
IT WAS STOCKED WITH GUNPOWDER, WHICH COULD BLOW OPEN THE WALLS OF GRANARIES, COULD JUST SIX TO SEVEN HUNDRED PATRIOTS, INCLUDING MERCHANTS, ARTISANS, LAUNDERERS, REVEILLON'S WORKMEN, CAPTURE THIS MASSIVE FORTRESS?

SIR, THEY ARE
SCALING THE
WALL.

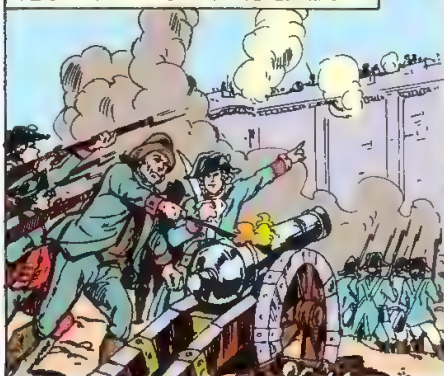
FIRE
AT THEM!



BUT THE VOLUNTEERS MANAGED TO DROP THE DRAW-BRIDGE OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND THE ARMY OF PEOPLE RUSHED IN.



THE BATTLE FOR THE BASTILLE BEGAN.



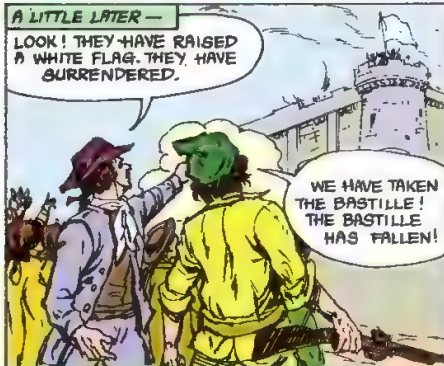
ABOUT A HUNDRED WERE KILLED. AND MANY WOUNDED.

OH, MY YOUNG SON... BUT WHY SHOULD I GRIEVE FOR HIM? HE DIED FOR HIS COUNTRY. HE IS FORTUNATE.



A LITTLE LATER —

LOOK! THEY HAVE RAISED A WHITE FLAG. THEY HAVE SURRENDERED.



WE HAVE TAKEN THE BASTILLE! THE BASTILLE HAS FALLEN!

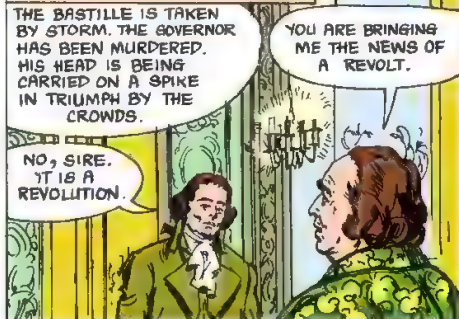
THE BASTILLE WAS LATER DEMOLISHED.

AT VERSAILLES, JUST TEN MILES AWAY, THE KING, UNAWARE OF THIS DRAMATIC EVENT, WENT TO BED AFTER A DAY OF HUNTING. AT NIGHT HE WAS WOKEN UP BY A MESSENGER FROM PARIS.

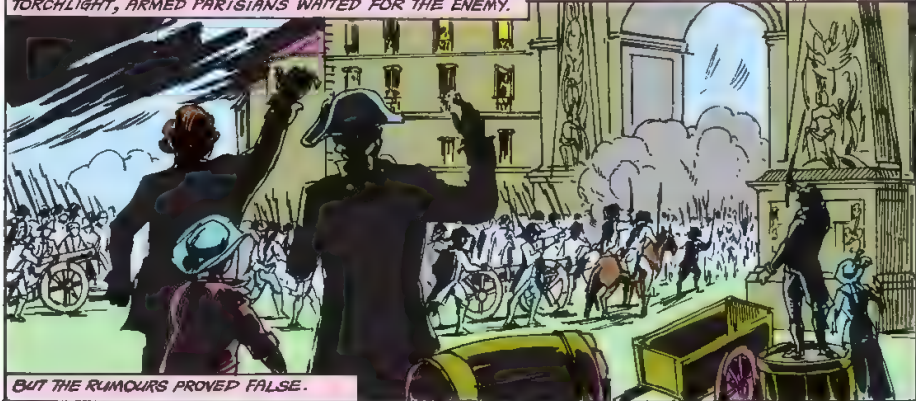
THE BASTILLE IS TAKEN BY STORM. THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN MURDERED. HIS HEAD IS BEING CARRIED ON A SPIKE IN TRIUMPH BY THE CROWDS.

YOU ARE BRINGING ME THE NEWS OF A REVOLT.

NO, SIRE. IT IS A REVOLUTION.



JULY 14TH 1789. RUMOURS GRIPPED PARIS THAT THE KING, HEARING OF THE CAPTURE OF THE BASTILLE, HAD ORDERED THE FOREIGN TROOPS TO ENTER THE CITY AND MASSACRE THE PEOPLE. AND IN FLICKERING TORCHLIGHT, ARMED PARISIANS WAITED FOR THE ENEMY.



BUT THE RUMOURS PROVED FALSE.

... FOR ON THE 15TH, LOUIS XVI ORDERED THE FOREIGN TROOPS TO RETREAT. HE ALSO RECALLED NECKER AND APPOINTED BAILLY THE FIRST MAYOR OF PARIS. THE KING DROVE UP TO PARIS AND ACCEPTED FROM BAILLY THE COCKADE OF THREE COLOURS* WHICH HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD.



BUT THE FALL OF THE BASTILLE HAD STRUCK FEAR IN THE HEARTS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY. THE FIRST TO FLEE WAS THE COUNT OF ARTOIS, THE BROTHER OF THE KING.



NOR WAS THEIR FEAR WITHOUT CAUSE, BECAUSE SOON THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE ALSO BEGAN TO REVOLT. ENCOURAGED BY THE CAPTURE OF THE BASTILLE, THE REBELS ATTACKED AND SET FIRE TO SEVERAL ABBEYS AND CHATEAUX OF THE RICH. FOR TOO LONG HAD THE PEASANTS SUFFERED, WORKING HARD AND PAYING OPPRESSIVE TAXES. ALL THEY HAD TO EAT WAS BLACK BREAD. THE LONG PENT UP ANGER AND RESENTMENT BURST OUT.



THE COUNTRY FOLK ALSO REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE AUTHORITY OF THE KING'S VILLAGE AND TOWN OFFICIALS, AND BEGAN TO FORM THEIR OWN NATIONAL GUARDS AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES. BUT THESE SOON LOST CONTROL OVER THE PEOPLE. BRIGANDS AND VAGABONDS FOUND THEMSELVES FREE TO SPREAD CONFUSION AND TERROR.

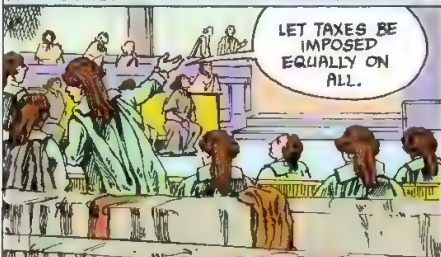


THE PEOPLE'S WRATH HAD TO BE ASSUAGED IF THE MONARCHY WAS TO BE SAVED. THE DEPUTIES OF THE THREE ESTATES MET FROM AUGUST 4 TO 11 AT VERSAILLES.

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE. WE CANNOT APPLY FORCE TO QUELL THIS ANARCHY. PERHAPS IF GOODWILL WERE OFFERED...

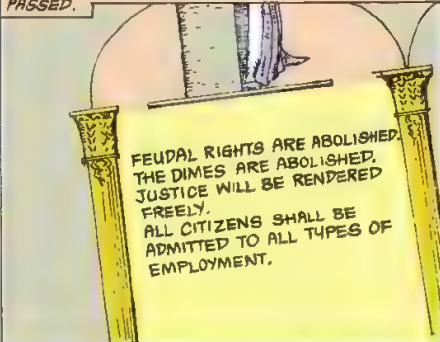


ALL EYES TURNED TO THE NOBILITY. THE VISCOUNT OF NOAILLES AND THE DUKE OF AISILLON, THE RICHEST MAN IN FRANCE AFTER THE KING, AND THE DUKE OF ORLEANS, SPOKE THE WORDS THAT BOTH THE NOBILITY AND THE PRIESTS HAD REFUSED TO SPEAK TILL NOW.



EMOTION SHOOK THE HEARTS OF ALL. THE THREE ESTATES WERE DRAWN TOGETHER IN CLOSER FRATERNITY.

WITH A STROKE OF THE PEN, THE ASSEMBLY PUT AN END TO THE INJUSTICE OF CENTURIES IN THE FOLLOWING EIGHT DAYS, SEVERAL DECREES WERE PASSED.



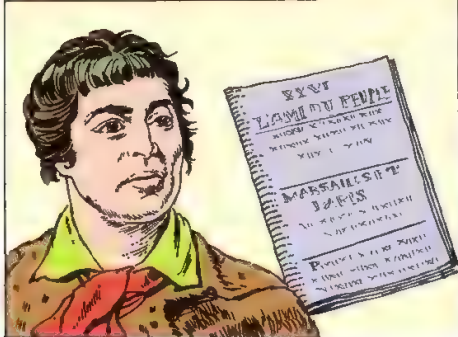
AND ON AUGUST 26, ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE MARQUIS OF LA FAYETTE WHO WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE PARISIAN NATIONAL GUARD, A HISTORIC DECLARATION WAS PASSED.

DECREE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN AND THE CITIZEN

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRENCH PEOPLE FORMED INTO A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, CONSIDERING THAT IGNORANCE, NEGLECT, OR CONTEMPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE THE SOLE CAUSES OF PUBLIC MISFORTUNES AND CORRUPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT, HAVE RESOLVED TO SET FORTH IN A SOLEMN DECLARATION THESE NATURAL ... AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS

THESE RIGHTS OF MEN WERE DECLARED TO BE LIBERTY, PROPERTY, SECURITY AND RESISTANCE TO OPPRESSION. THERE WAS TO BE TOTAL FREEDOM OF OPINION (JEWS AND PROTESTANTS COULD NOW ENTER THE FRENCH COMMUNITY); AN END TO ALL TORTURES AND ARBITRARY ARRESTS, THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS WAS RECOGNISED.

PARIS WAS FLOODED WITH NEWSPAPERS NOW. ON SEPTEMBER 16 APPEARED "L'AMI DU PEUPLE" WHICH WAS TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR. ITS PUBLISHER, AN ARDENT DISCIPLE OF JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU, WAS JEAN-PAUL MARAT.



THEN ON OCTOBER 1, AT A BANQUET HELD AT THE OPERA IN VERSAILLES, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE KING AND QUEEN, THE KING'S BODYGUARDS INSULTED THE TRICOLOUR COCKADE. THIS SYMBOL OF LIBERTY, WHOSE RED COLOUR STOOD FOR THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS OF THE BASTILLE, FELL TO THE GROUND AND UNDERFOOT. THE GUARDS INSTEAD RAISED THE ROYALIST COCKADE.



WHEN THEY HEARD THIS NEWS, THE CITIZENS OF PARIS WERE FILLED WITH ANGER.

URGED BY MARAT, EIGHT THOUSAND WOMEN MARCHED TO VERSAILLES ON OCTOBER 5.



WE HAVE COME TO ASK THE KING FOR BREAD.

THEN WE WILL TAKE THE KING, THE QUEEN AND THE DAUPHIN TO PARIS.

THE WOMEN WERE RECEIVED COLDLY BY THE DEPUTIES WHO DID NOT APPROVE OF THEIR ACTION.

THE HUNGRY PROCESSION HAD BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE BASTILLE, AND WAS LATER FOLLOWED BY LA FAYETTE LEADING THE NATIONAL GUARD TO INTIMIDATE THE KING'S SOLDIERS.

WHAT SHALL I DO? WHAT SHALL I DO?

SIRE, YOU MUST RESIST THIS.



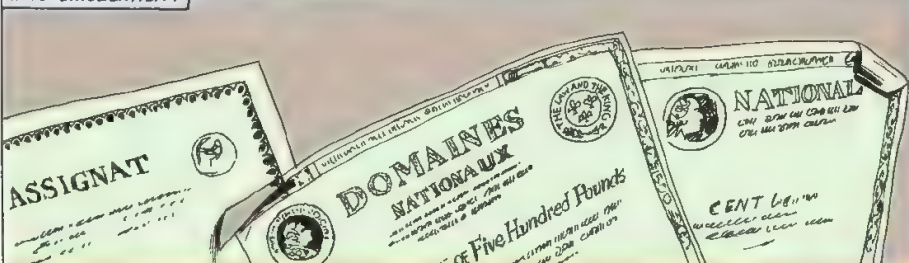
ULTIMATELY, THE KING HAD TO GIVE IN. TRIUMPHANTLY THE WOMEN OF PARIS LED THE WAY TO THE ROYAL CARRIAGES FOLLOWED BY CARTS LOADED WITH FLOUR



WE ARE BRINGING BACK THE BAKER, THE BAKER'S WIFE, AND THE BAKER'S LITTLE BOY. WE SHALL NO LONGER GO HUNGRY.

THE ROYAL FAMILY WAS LED BACK TO PARIS AND INSTALLED IN THE PALACE AT TUILERIES, NEGLECTED AND FORSAKEN SINCE 1655.

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TOOK ON THE NAME OF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AND BEGAN TO DRAFT A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR FRANCE. THE POSSESSIONS OF THE CLERGY WERE CONFISCATED AND PUT AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE NATION. FOUR HUNDRED MILLION "ASSIGNATS," THE NEW CURRENCY OF THE REVOLUTION, WERE PUT INTO CIRCULATION.



JANUARY 15, 1790, THE EARLIER DIVISIONS INTO DISTRICTS AND DIOCESES, OWING ALLEGIANCE TO THE NOBILITY AND CHURCH, WERE SCRAPPED AND FRANCE WAS NEWLY DIVIDED INTO 83 "DEPARTMENTS" OR DISTRICTS.

BUT THE DEPUTIES STILL WISHED TO PRESERVE THE MONARCHY, AND IN PUBLIC, TOOK THE OATH OF LOYALTY....

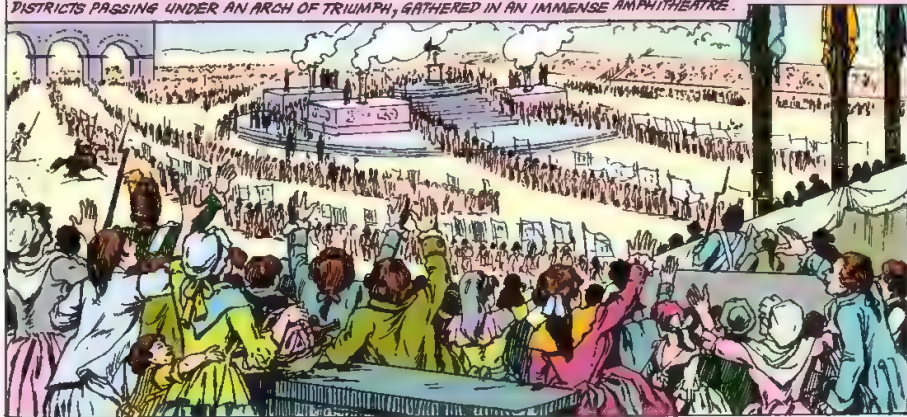
... TO THE NATION,
TO THE LAW,
TO THE KING.



AND SUCH WAS THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT THAT THE ASSEMBLY MADE EVEN THIS DECLARATION FOR FRANCE—TILL THEN A STRONG COLONIAL POWER, MAY 22—

FRANCE RENOUNCES THE UNDERTAKING OF ALL WAR "WITH THE VIEW TO MAKING CONQUESTS." FRANCE WILL NEVER USE HER FORCES AGAINST THE LIBERTY OF ANY PEOPLE.

JULY 14, 1790. FRANCE CELEBRATED THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPTURE OF THE BASTILLE, TAKING THE OATH "TO LIVE FOR LIBERTY AND TO DIE IN ITS DEFENCE". SIXTY THOUSAND DELEGATES OF THE 83 DISTRICTS PASSING UNDER AN ARCH OF TRIUMPH, GATHERED IN AN IMMENSE AMPHITHEATRE.

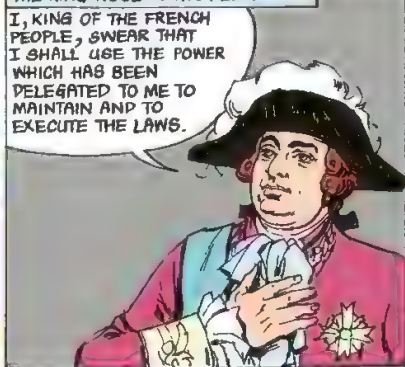


THE MARQUIS OF LA FAYETTE RODE IN AND WENT ROUND THE 40,000 CHEERING PARISIANS OF WHOM HE WAS THE PROTECTOR.



THE KING ROSE TO HIS FEET.

I, KING OF THE FRENCH PEOPLE, SWEAR THAT I SHALL USE THE POWER WHICH HAS BEEN DELEGATED TO ME TO MAINTAIN AND TO EXECUTE THE LAWS.



THE QUEEN, TAKING IN HER ARMS THE FIVE-YEAR OLD DAUPHIN, LOUIS, HEIR TO THE THRONE, PRESENTED HIM TO THE PEOPLE.



ON THIS DAY, THE KING APPOINTED LA FAYETTE COMMANDER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ALL FRANCE.

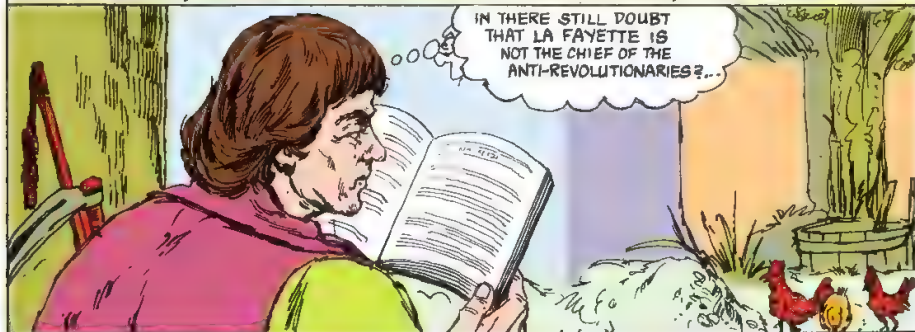


ON JULY 18, THE DELEGATES AGAIN CELEBRATED THEIR FRATERNITY—IN BOATS THAT FLOATED ON THE SEINE RIVER, ON THE QUAYS, ON THE CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES, WHERE AN ORCHESTRA PLAYED THE FAMOUS REVOLUTIONARY SONGS THAT HAD BECOME POPULAR AMONG THE PATRIOTS.



THERE WAS JOYOUS DANCING AMONG THE PEOPLE, WHO WORE THE RED CAPS, SYMBOLS OF LIBERTY.

THOUGH CALM SEEMED TO HAVE RETURNED, NOTES OF DISCORD SOON BEGAN. WHILE THE ROYALISTS HAD THEIR JOURNALS AND SONGS, THERE WAS ALSO A COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT WITH ITS OWN SONGS AND SLOGANS, AND THEIR OWN JOURNALS. AS MARAT WROTE IN HIS PAPER, "L'AMI DU PEUPLE"—



MORE NOTES OF DISCORD —

IT SAYS HERE THAT THE LORDS
ARE CLINGING ON TO THEIR PRIVILEGES.
WHERE HAS THE NOBILITY'S
GENEROUS SPIRIT OF AUGUST
4, 1789, GONE?

GENEROUS SPIRIT OF AUGUST 4?
HA! JUST FOUR MONTHS LATER,
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
DECLARED THAT THOSE WHO DID
NOT PAY TAXES EQUIVALENT TO
A HUNDRED DAYS OF WORK,
HAD NO RIGHT TO VOTE. SO
THE POOR CANNOT VOTE, THE
POOR CANNOT STAND FOR
ELECTION. YET IT IS THE
POOR WHO CAPTURED THE
BASTILLE. IS THIS
JUSTICE?

THE UNREST SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE THROUGH VILLAGE AND TOWN.

FEBRUARY 1791. THE KING'S AUNTS FLED FROM FRANCE
AND EMIGRATED TO ROME.

SHAME, SHAME!
ALL EMIGRANTS
ARE COWARDS.

WILL THE KING
RUN AWAY
TOO?

HEAR THIS: MARAT SAYS
THAT MIRABEAU HAS
BEEN BOUGHT BY THE
KING.

WHAT!
THE RESPECTED
MIRABEAU WHO
SAID, "ONLY
CANNONS WILL
MOVE US"?

THIS NEWS WAS TRUE.

THE KING WILL PAY ALL
YOUR DEBTS AND GIVE
YOU A SECRET
PENSION.

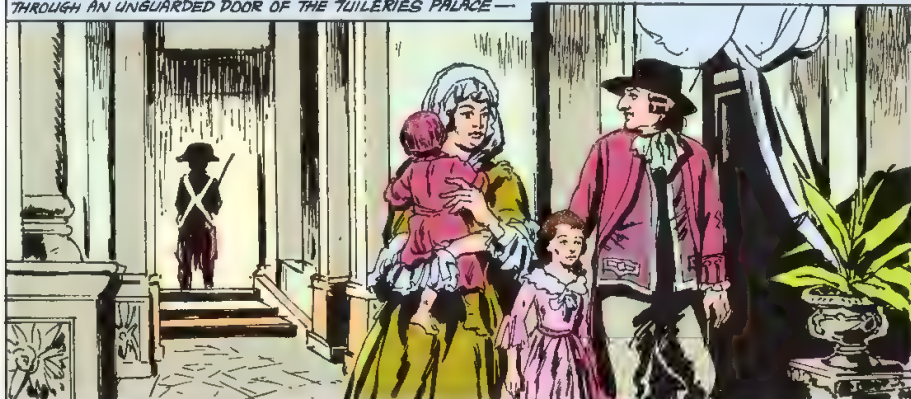
THAT'S
FINE.

BUT WHEN MIRABEAU, ONE OF THE FIRST
ARCHITECTS OF THE REVOLUTION, DIED IN APRIL
1791, THE PEOPLE SINCERELY MOURNED HIM.

WITH THE COMING OF THE REVOLUTION, THE SOCIAL CLUBS OF THE DAY CHANGED OVERNIGHT INTO POLITICAL BODIES, ROBESPIERRE BELONGED TO THE "JACOBIENS" CLUB. MARAT AND A NEW LEADER, DANTON, WERE MOST SEEN AT THE "CORDELIERS". BARNAVE LATER FOUNDED A CLUB CALLED THE "FEUILLANTS".



JUNE 1791. MARAT WROTE IN HIS JOURNAL: "THE KING IS GOING TO FLEE?" AND INDEED, ON JUNE 20, THROUGH AN UNGUARDED DOOR OF THE TUILERIES PALACE —



BUT THE KING WAS RECOGNISED AND STOPPED AT VARENNES. AND TO AN OMINOUSLY SILENT RECEPTION, THE ROYAL FAMILY WAS BROUGHT BACK TO PARIS.



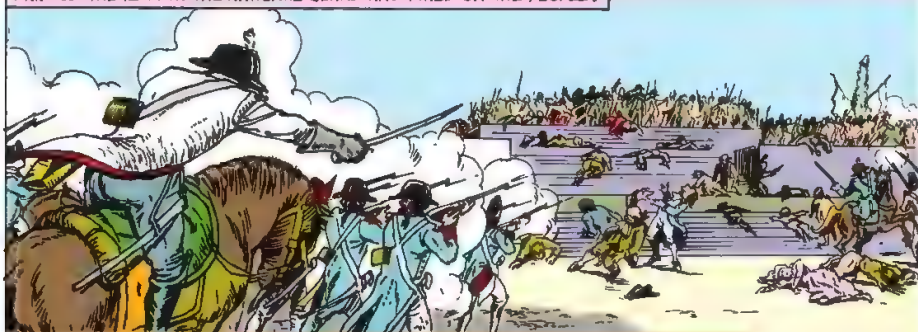
JULY 14, 1791 - THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF THE BASTILLE. THE CORDELIERS, UNDER DANTON AND MARAT, APPEALED TO THE PEOPLE TO GIVE THEIR VERDICT ON THE KING'S BEHAVIOUR AND ON JULY 15, IN THE ASSEMBLY -

FOR HIS TRAITOROUS AND SHAMEFUL ACT OF TRYING TO FLEE THE COUNTRY, WE DEMAND THE DETHRONEMENT OF THE KING.

YOUR PETITION IS REFUSED.

IT WAS ROBESPIERRE WHO REFUSED BECAUSE, ALONG WITH BARNAVE, HE BELIEVED THAT FRANCE WAS NOT YET READY FOR A DEMOCRACY, AND AGAIN TRIED TO PROTECT THE KING. SOON, BARNAVE BECAME VERY UNPOPULAR, AS NECKER HAD BECOME EARLIER. BOTH LEFT THE COUNTRY.

JULY 17, THE PATRIOTS GATHERED AT THE CHAMPS-DE-MARS TO SIGN A PETITION DEMANDING THE ABDICATION OF THE KING AND DECLARING FRANCE A REPUBLIC. ON THE ORDERS OF MAYOR BAILLY, LA FAYETTE ARRIVED THERE WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD AND FIRED ON THE PEOPLE.



LA FAYETTE, PROTECTOR OF THE PARISIANS, HAD BECOME THEIR REPRESSOR. MORE REPRESSION FOLLOWED. THE CLUBS WERE CLOSED DOWN.

AUGUST 25, THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA, JOSEPH II, THE KING OF PRUSSIA, FREDERICK II, AND THE KING'S BROTHER, WHOM THE PEOPLE SCORNFULLY CALLED "EMIGRÉ," MADE A DECLARATION.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN FRANCE IS OF COMMON CONCERN TO ALL THE KINGS OF EUROPE.

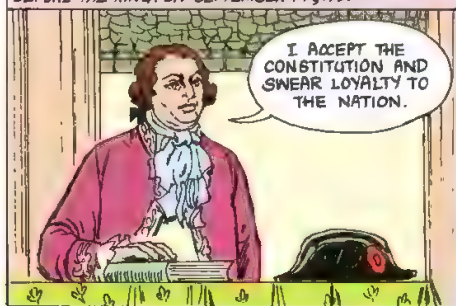


WHAT WERE THE EMIGRANT AND THE EUROPEAN KINGS PLANNING?

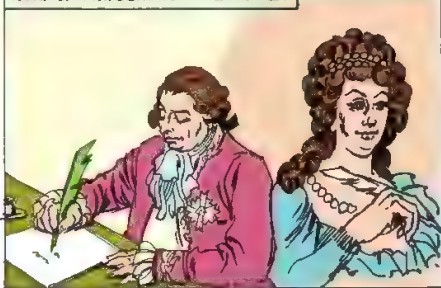
ALREADY, PLOTS AGAINST THE REVOLUTION WERE BEING HATCHED. FALSE "ASSIGNATS" WERE ENTERING FRANCE UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS—ONE WAY OF SABOTAGING THE REVOLUTION.



THEN ON SEPTEMBER 3, THE DRAFTING OF THE CONSTITUTION FOR WHICH ROBESPIERRE AND THE DEPUTIES HAD STRIVEN WAS COMPLETED. IT WAS SOON PUT BEFORE THE KING. ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1791—



BUT IN SECRET, THE ROYAL COUPLE BEGAN TO REQUEST FOR HELP FROM OTHER MONARCHS. WHILE THE QUEEN WROTE TO HER BROTHER, JOSEPH II, EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA, LOUIS XVI REQUESTED THE KING OF PRUSSIA TO INTERVENE.



MEANWHILE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PASSED TWO IMPORTANT DECREES— ON MAY 5, 1792, FOR RAISING AN ARMY OF 20,000 MEN IN PARIS FOR DEFENCE AGAINST FOREIGN INVASION. ON MAY 27, 1792, FOR DEPORTING PRIESTS WHO REFUSED TO ABIDE BY THE CIVIC CONSTITUTION. WHEN THE KING USED HIS POWER OF VETO AGAINST BOTH THE DECREES, A MOB INVADIED HIS APARTMENT.

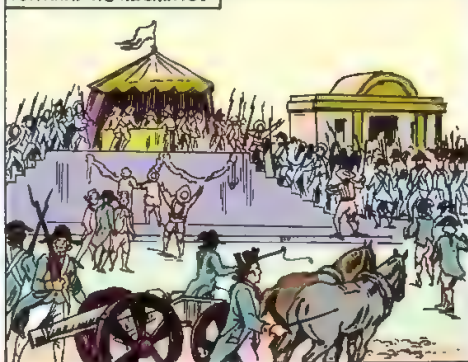


BUT THE KING ALLOWED THEM TO PUT THE RED CAP ON HIS HEAD AND DRANK TO THEIR HEALTH, FEARFUL PERHAPS FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS QUEEN, HIS DAUGHTER MARIE-THERESE, AND HIS SON.

JULY 11, THE PRUSSIAN ARMY BEGAN TO GATHER ON FRANCE'S BORDER. THE ASSEMBLY DECLARED: "THE COUNTRY IS IN DANGER."



THE COUNTRY IN DANGER! A WAVE OF PATRIOTISM SWEEPED PARIS. IN JUST TWO DAYS, 5,000 PARISIANS CAME FORWARD AS RECRUITS.



JULY 25, THE DUKE OF BRUNSWICK, GENERAL OF THE PRUSSIAN ARMY, ANNOUNCED THAT IF THE PEOPLE DID NOT SURRENDER, HE WOULD INVADE FRANCE AND RESTORE THE KING TO HIS RIGHTS. IT WAS CLEAR NOW TO THE ASSEMBLY: IF THE REVOLUTION WAS TO BE SAVED, THE KING MUST GO. WHEN THE DEMAND TO ABDICATE WAS SENT TO THE KING —

THE KING HAS PROMISED TO GIVE AN ANSWER ON AUGUST 9.



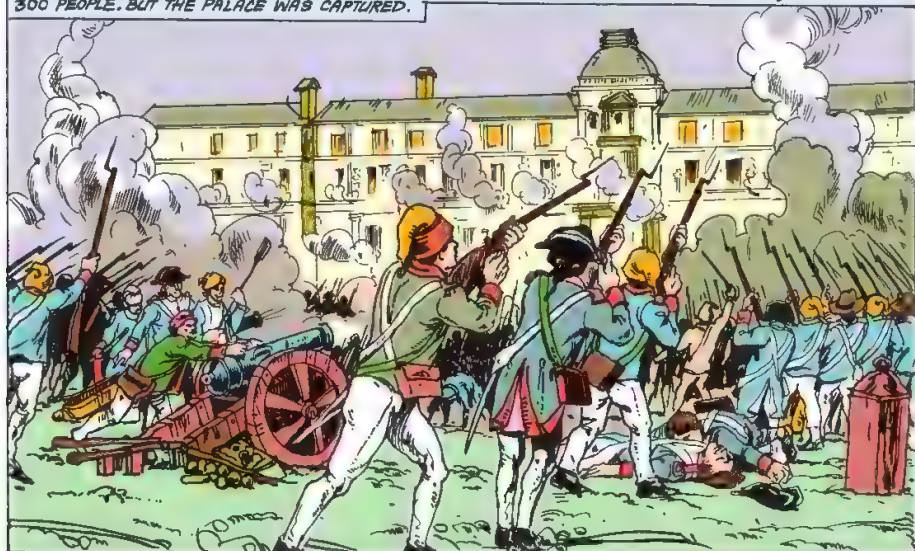
JULY 30. IN ANSWER TO THE DECREE OF MAY 5, THE AMATEUR SOLDIERS FROM MARSEILLES CAME MARCHING INTO PARIS, HUMMING A TUNE THAT THRILLED THE HEARTS OF THE PATRIOTS.

LET US GO,
CHILDREN OF OUR FATHERLAND
THE DAY OF GLORY
HAS COME...



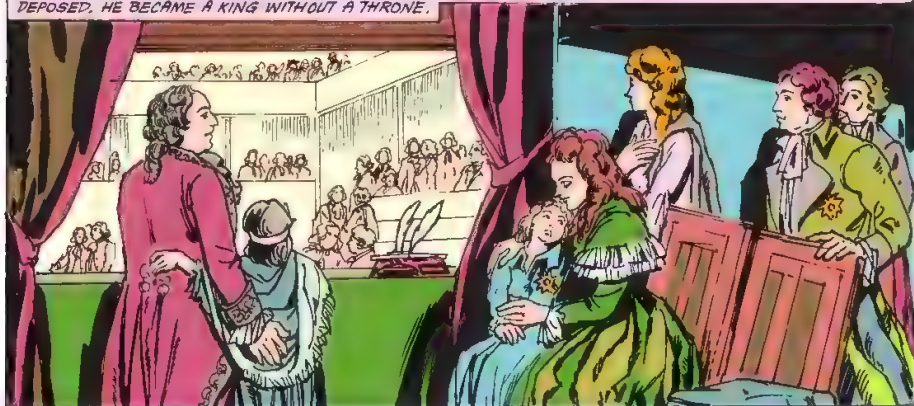
THIS WAS THE MARSEILLAISE, THE SONG OF WAR, LATER TO BECOME THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE.

INTENSE PATRIOTIC FEELING ON THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPTURE OF THE BASTILLE HAD BROUGHT TO PARIS DEPUTATIONS OF ARMED CITIZENS FROM THE PROVINCES. ON AUGUST 10, WHEN THE KING HAD NOT RESPONDED TO THE REQUEST TO ABDICATE, THEY ATTACKED HIM AT TUILERIES. THE MAJORITY OF THE ATTACKING MOB WAS MADE UP OF PEASANTS AND LABOURERS. THEY WERE TERMED 'SANS CULOTTES' * TO DISTINGUISH THEM FROM THE NOBILITY. THE SWISS POLICE GUARDING THE PALACE OPENED FIRE, KILLING 300 PEOPLE. BUT THE PALACE WAS CAPTURED.



* WITHOUT THE SILK BREECHES WORN BY THE NOBILITY.

THE KING AND HIS FAMILY WERE QUICKLY LED TO THE SAFETY OF THE ASSEMBLY HALL. LOUIS XVI WAS DEPOSED. HE BECAME A KING WITHOUT A THRONE.



RUMOURS SPREAD THAT THE KING, THE QUEEN AND THE EMIGRANTS HAD THEMSELVES PREPARED A COALITION WITH AUSTRIA AND PRUSSIA TO ATTACK FRANCE. HATRED FOR ROYALTY GREW MORE INTENSE.

AUGUST 11, 12 AND 13. PEOPLE DESTROYED ALL SYMBOLS OF ROYALTY — INCLUDING THE STATUES OF HENRY IV, EVEN OF LOUIS XVI, WHOM THE PEOPLE HAD RESPECTED.

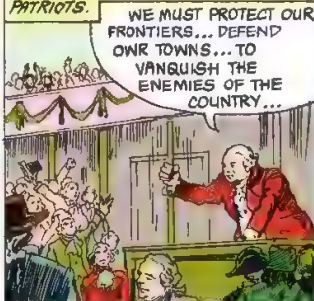


Let us dance the carmagnole*
Long live the sound
of the cannon

SUCH WAS THE HATRED FOR ROYALTY THAT IN THE PRISONS, FANATICS MASSACRED ROYALIST PRISONERS. EVEN THIS OUTRAGE SEEMED NECESSARY TO THE REVOLUTIONARIES.



SEPTEMBER. THE THREAT OF WAR LOOMED NEARER. DANTON MADE A STIRRING SPEECH BEFORE THE PATRIOTS.



WE MUST PROTECT OUR FRONTIERS... DEFEND OUR TOWNS... TO VANQUISH THE ENEMIES OF THE COUNTRY...

... BOLDNESS, MORE BOLDNESS, ALWAYS BOLDNESS!



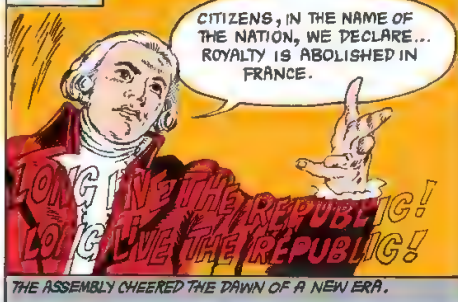
AN ARMY LEFT FOR THE FRONTIERS WITH A FEELING OF EXALTATION.

* A DANCE POPULAR DURING THE REVOLUTION.

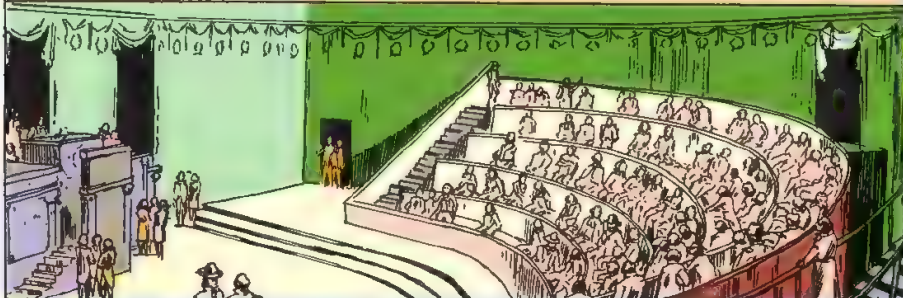
SEPTEMBER 20, THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WAS RECONVENED TO FORM THE NATIONAL CONVENTION. AT ITS HEAD WERE —



EVEN AS THE ENEMY APPROACHED PARIS, THE CONVENTION TOOK A DECISION THAT WOULD RESOUND THROUGHOUT EUROPE —



SINCE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WAS FORMED IN 1789, THE DEPUTIES HAD TAKEN THEIR PLACES IN THIS MANNER— ONE GROUP SAT TO THE RIGHT OF THE PRESIDENT, AND THE OTHER TO THE LEFT OF HIM. THE "RIGHTISTS", A POWERFUL GROUP, WERE THE "MODERATES" WHO CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE "GIRONDIS" BECAUSE MOST OF THEIR LEADERS BELONGED TO THE GIRONDE DISTRICT OF FRANCE. THEY HAD ALWAYS STRIVEN TO PRESERVE THE MONARCHY AND THE KING'S RIGHT OF VETO. THE "LEFTISTS", WHO CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE "MONTAGNARDS" OR THOSE OF THE MOUNTAIN BECAUSE THEY SAT ON THE HIGHEST BENCHES IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL, HAD ALWAYS ENDEAVOURED TO BRING ABOUT REFORMS, AND WERE THE "EXTREMISTS".



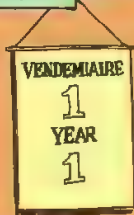
THESE TWO POLITICAL PARTIES WOULD PLAY A BIG PART IN FRANCE'S COMING YEARS. TO THIS DAY, THE WORDS "RIGHT" AND "LEFT" STAND FOR "MODERATE" AND "EXTREMIST", RESPECTIVELY.

MEANWHILE, WAR WAS RAGING ON ALL OF FRANCE'S FRONTIERS. THE FRENCH ARMIES HAD TO FACE MANY DEFEATS. BUT ON SEPTEMBER 20, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GENERAL KELLERMAN, WAS THE FIRST GREAT VICTORY OF THE REPUBLIC—AT VALMY.



AN ARMY OF SANS-CULOTTES HAD STOPPED THE ADVANCE OF 34,000 PRUSSIANS, AND HAD BEATEN BACK THE MOST POWERFUL ARMY OF EUROPE.

FROM SEPTEMBER 22, A NEW CALENDAR TOOK EFFECT. SO THIS DAY WAS THE 1ST OF YEAR 1 OF THE REPUBLIC.



THE FRENCH REPUBLICAN CALENDAR HAD TWELVE MONTHS. THE NAMES OF SAINTS IN THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR WERE SUBSTITUTED BY NAMES OF SEAS, TREES, FLOWERS AND FRUITS, E.G. VENDEMAIRE MEANS VINTAGE.

ON NOVEMBER 6 (15 BRUMAIRE AN 1 IN THE NEW CALENDAR) THE FIRST OFFENSIVE ACTION AND VICTORY OF THE FRENCH VOLUNTEERS AT JEMMAPES. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DUMORIEZ, 40,000 FRENCH SOLDIERS FORCED THE AUSTRIANS TO ABANDON THEIR POSITIONS.



THE BELGIANS DEMANDED FREEDOM FROM THE AUSTRIAN MONARCHY TO UNITE WITH FRANCE.

ON NOVEMBER 19, THE CONVENTION PASSED ANOTHER DECREE—THE DECLARATION OF FRATERNITY.

FRANCE WILL GIVE FRATERNAL HELP TO THE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO REGAIN THEIR LIBERTY.

BACK IN PARIS, THE KING AND HIS FAMILY HAD BEEN KEPT IMPRISONED IN THE "TEMPLE," A RELIGIOUS CONVENT. MEANWHILE, IN A SECRET CLIPBOARD IN THE TUILERIES PALACE, DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND THAT PROVED THE KING GUILTY OF HAVING NEGOTIATED WITH FOREIGN POWERS FOR HELP AGAINST THE REBELS.

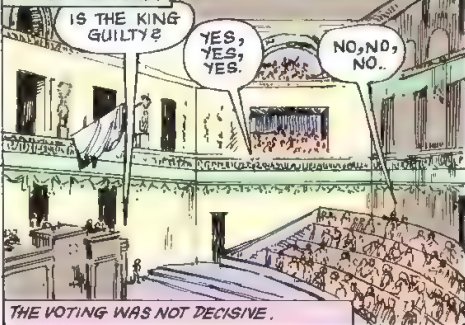


ROBESPIERRE AND SAINT-JUST PASSED THEIR VERDICT:

THE KING MUST BE PUNISHED OR THE REPUBLIC BECOMES A MERE FARCE.



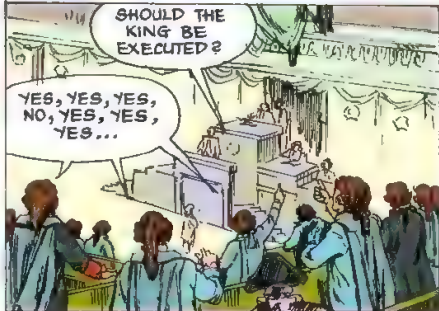
THE TRIAL OF THE KING BEGAN ON DECEMBER 11. THE GIRONDINS WANTED TO SAVE HIM, THE MONTAGNARDS WANTED HIM DEAD.



THE VOTING WAS NOT DECISIVE.

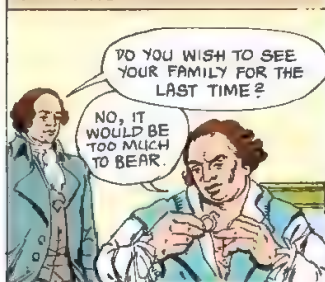
SHOULD THE KING BE EXECUTED?

YES, YES, YES, NO, YES, YES, YES...

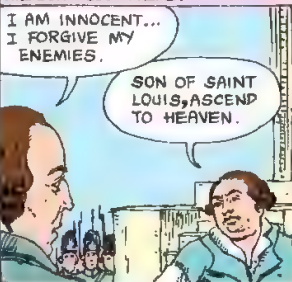


NOW THE MAJORITY VOTED "YES." DANTON, SIYES, ROBESPIERRE, SAINT-JUST, MARAT, EVEN PHILIPPE, DUKE OF ORLEANS, HAD VOTED "YES."

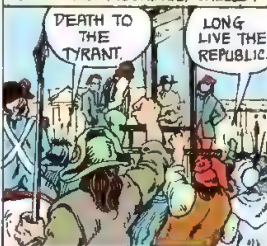
JANUARY 21, 1793. WHILE THE KING FIDGETED WITH HIS WEDDING RING WHICH HE WANTED TO GIVE TO THE QUEEN, ABBE EDGEWORTH SPOKE—



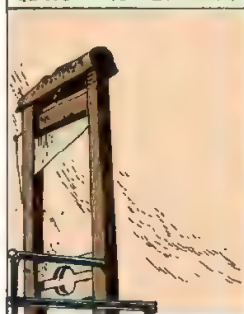
THE SHOPS WERE CLOSED. PARIS WAS SILENT AND COLD AS THE DEPOSED KING WALKED TOWARDS THE SCAFFOLD STEPS.



THE BEATING OF DRUMS MUFFLED HIS WORDS. IT WAS NOT AS A KING THAT HE MET HIS DEATH, BUT AS AN ORDINARY CITIZEN—LOUIS CAPET OR LOUIS THE LAST, AS HE WAS MOCKINGLY CALLED.



EXECUTION WAS BY GUILLOTINE, A DEVICE INVENTED BY ANTOINE LOUIS AND PRESENTED BY J.I. GUILLOTIN TO THE ASSEMBLY.

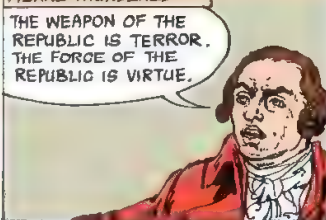


THROUGH JANUARY, THE FRENCH ARMIES WON MANY VICTORIES AND LIBERATED MANY PROVINCES OF NEIGHBOURING KINGDOMS. THEN ENGLAND JOINED THE WAR, AS DID ITS ALLY, SPAIN.



ALL OF EUROPE RANGED ITSELF AGAINST FRANCE.

IN FRANCE WHILE THE NOBILITY INTRIGUED TO REGAIN THEIR PRIVILEGES, THE ROYALISTS AND GIRONDINS SCHEMED TO RE-ESTABLISH THE MONARCHY. ON APRIL 6, THE CONVENTION ELECTED A COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC SAFETY. A TRIBUNAL WAS FORMED TO JUDGE CONSPIRATORS AND TRAITORS WITHOUT APPEAL. ROBESPIERRE THUNDERED—



APRIL 24, THE GIRONDIN ACCUSED MARAT BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL, OF CONSPIRING AGAINST THE COUNTRY. BUT THE MOUNTAGNARDS HELPED TO ACQUIT HIM



JUNE 2. ON ROBESPIERRE'S INITIATIVE TWENTY-NINE GIRONDIN 'DEPUTIES' WERE PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST.

THIS INFLAMED THE ROYALISTS, AND THERE WAS AN UPRISING IN THE VENDEE, A STRONG PRO-ROYALIST REGION ...



... AND SOON AFTER, ROYALISTS IN OTHER TOWNS, LIKE MARSEILLES, LYON AND TOULON, ROSE IN REVOLT. THEY WERE RUTHLESSLY PUT DOWN.

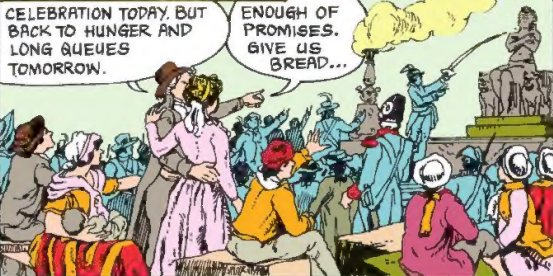
JULY 13, CHARLOTTE CORDAY, A FANATIC ROYALIST ASSASSINATED MARAT, THE FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE.



AUGUST 10, THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPTURE OF THE TUILERIES WAS CELEBRATED ON THE RUINS OF THE BASTILLE WITH A FEAST OF REGENERATION. BUT THE EXULTATION OF VICTORY COULD NOT FILL EMPTY BELLIES.

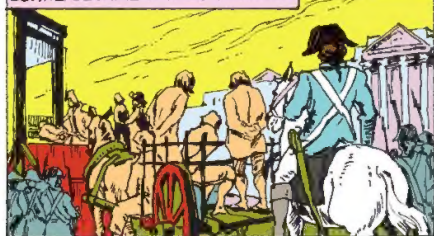
CELEBRATION TODAY, BUT BACK TO HUNGER AND LONG QUEUES TOMORROW.

ENOUGH OF PROMISES. GIVE US BREAD...

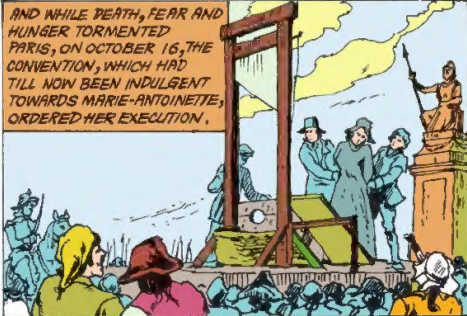


FOOD WAS STILL SCARCE. PRICES SHOT UP, AND THE COUNTRY-SIDE WAS TORN BY UPRISINGS.

A MASS ARMY WAS RAISED TO ESTABLISH ORDER. THE 'LAW OF SUSPECTS' WAS PASSED. IT USHERED IN THE REIGN OF TERROR OF ROBESPIERRE, COUTHON, AND SAINT-JUST. THOUSANDS OF SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED, ACCUSED AND EXECUTED WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO APPEAL OR TRIAL. DEATH BY GUILLOTINE BECAME A DAILY AFFAIR.



AND WHILE DEATH, FEAR AND HUNGER TORMENTED PARIS, ON OCTOBER 16, THE CONVENTION, WHICH HAD TILL NOW BEEN INDULGENT TOWARDS MARIE-ANTOINETTE, ORDERED HER EXECUTION.



IN NOVEMBER, EVEN PHILIPPE, EX-DUKE OF ORLEANS, WAS EXECUTED.

1794, A LAW WAS PASSED TO CONTROL FOOD PRICES, BUT SOON SALARIES WERE CURTAILED TOO. THE LAW WAS DENOUNCED BY THE PEOPLE. THE ENRAGED OR EXTREMISTS WERE LED BY JACQUES RENE HEBERT, A JOURNALIST WHO HAD BECOME POPULAR WITH THE MASSES THROUGH HIS ANTI-GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS.



THE MODERATES, THE 'INDULGENTS', GROUPED THEMSELVES BEHIND DANTON.

BUT ROBESPIERRE ACTED. MARCH 24 - IN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE JACOBIN REIGN OF TERROR, THE 'ENRAGED' WERE CRUSHED AND HEBERT SENTENCED TO BE EXECUTED.



APRIL 5—IN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE REIGN OF TERROR, DANTON AND HIS ASSOCIATE, DESMOULINS, WHO HAD FIRST CALLED THE PEOPLE TO ARMS, WERE SENT TO THE GUILLOTINE, SAID DANTON —

SHOW MY HEAD TO THE PEOPLE. IT IS WORTH SHOWING.

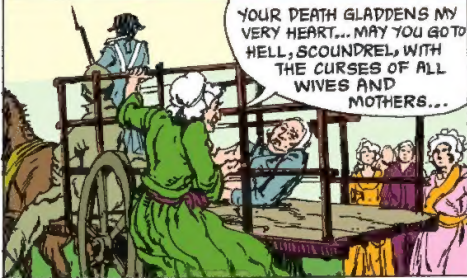


ROBESPIERRE'S REPRESSION CONTINUED. FEAR DROVE HIS ADVERSARIES TO GROUP THEMSELVES AGAINST HIM. JULY 27/28—ROBESPIERRE, SAINT-JUST, AND COUTHON WERE ACCUSED OF TYRANNY AND ARRESTED. ROBESPIERRE TRIED TO TAKE HIS OWN LIFE...



... THE BULLET SHOT THROUGH HIS JAW.

WITH HIS JAW BOUND, HE WAS TAKEN TO THE SCAFFOLD IN THE DEATH CART. THE HATEFUL EYES OF THOSE WHOSE HOMES HE HAD DESTROYED, WERE UPON HIM.

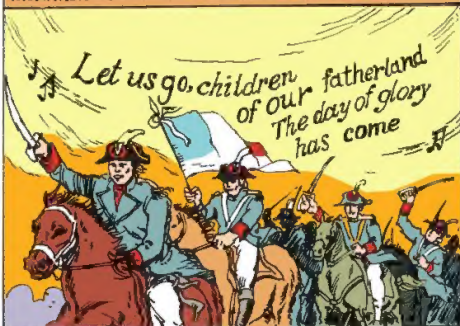


YOUR DEATH GLADDENS MY VERY HEART... MAY YOU GO TO HELL, SCOUNDREL, WITH THE CURSES OF ALL WIVES AND MOTHERS...

THE EXECUTIONER SANGON WHO HAD EXECUTED LOUIS XVI, CAME FORWARD.



MEANWHILE, THE FRENCH ARMIES WERE ACHIEVING VICTORY AFTER VICTORY, NEITHER A TYRANT NOR A MONARCH COULD STOP THE MARCH OF LIBERTY.



Let us go, children of our fatherland
The day of glory has come

FROM 1792 TO 1795, IT LIBERATED MANY EUROPEAN PROVINCES FROM MONARCHICAL RULE AND SUCCEEDED IN DEFEATING THE COMBINED FORCES OF PRUSSIA, AUSTRIA, ENGLAND AND SPAIN. THESE COUNTRIES FINALLY AGREED TO RECOGNIZE FRANCE AS A REPUBLIC.

WITH ROBESPIERRE'S DEATH, CAME THE END OF THE TERROR. THE MODERATES OR THERMIDORIANS TOOK OVER. NAPOLEON BONAPARTE WAS NAMED GENERAL ON OCTOBER 16, 1795. MANY HOLD THE VIEW THAT NAPOLEON AND HIS ARMY SAVED THE REVOLUTION.



AND WITH HIM BEGINS ANOTHER STORY.

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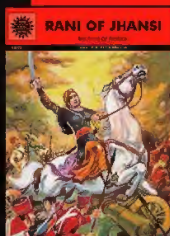
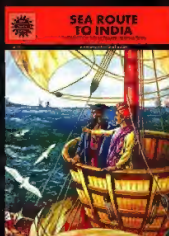
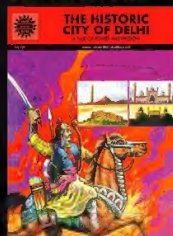
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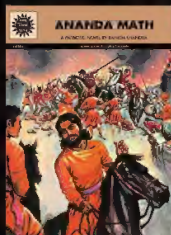
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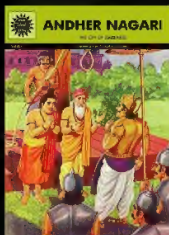
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